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on Stendal airfield which gives information under the following headings: (1) Runway/Taxiway Details, (2) Hardstandings, (3) Fuel Installations, (4) Possible Ammunition Storage Area, (5) Soviet Anti-tank Unit Occupying the Airfield Domestic Site, (6) Helicopters, and (7) Aircraft Blast Pens. A rough sketch showing the features of a 50-meter-wide hardstanding, and associated taxiways is also included.

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STENDAL AIRFIELD reconstruction - Progress as at 25 Oct 57APPENDIX:

Attached as an appendix is a rough sketch plan showing features of the 50-metre wide hardstanding and associated taxiways.

1. RUNWAY/TAXIWAY DETAILS

- (a) The Russian authorities have still not accepted the runway/taxiway area. The smoothing off of the rough edges of the various concrete sections has nearly been completed and a final sweeping of the runway prior to its handover is scheduled to take place during the week ending 2 Nov 57.
- (b) The runway is still obstructed by a power cable lying on the surface approximately midway along. This cable extends between the permanent brick-built transformer located at MR 90903525 and the town of STENDAL, and is now in the course of being buried and passed through the two pipes set in the concrete runway itself.

2. HARDSTANDINGS

- (a) The 50-metre wide hardstanding located 125 metres north of the parallel taxiway has now been completed, with the exception of a 2-metre wide gully strip which extends along the entire southern edge. It has an overall length of 690 metres.
- (b) Both the eastern and western hardstanding/taxiway transverse tracks, each 14 metres in width, have now been completed and the concreting of the third (inner) transverse track is continuing.
- (c) The 10-metre wide concrete road leading northwards from the 50-metre wide hardstanding in the direction of the hangar site has now been concreted to an overall length of 215 metres. A final small fillet remains to be concreted, joining this track to the existing (former Luftwaffe) apron at approximately MR 91303575.
- (d) The 14-metre wide concrete track leading westwards from the 50-metre wide hardstanding has now been concreted to an overall length of 290 metres. A further portion, approximately 40 metres in length, has been prepared for concreting (see sketch at Appendix "A"). The concrete being laid down on both the 10 and the 14-metre wide tracks has a thickness varying between 18 and 20 cms., laid on a ballast foundation.
- (e) A small platform is under construction on the eastern side of the easterly hardstanding/taxiway transverse track. This hardstanding is located at approximately MR 91903540, and measures 80 metres by 30 metres. The concrete is being laid in 5-metre square sections, 20 cms. thick, in alternate strips.
- (f) A shortage of ballast has delayed the completion of the concrete surfaces on the airfield.

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FUEL INSTALLATIONS

- (a) The BAU UNION MAGDEBURG have commenced preparing the area around the existing mixing site in preparation for the building of the permanent fuel installation behind the ruined hangar at approximately MR 909358.
- (b) The same firm is also undertaking the renovation of the existing, former Luftwaffe, fuel installations located in the hangar area on the northern perimeter of the airfield. It is impossible to trace back the underground connecting pipes between the former fuel discharge point at approximately MR 913359, adjoining the rail spur, and the three previously reported surface refuelling points located on the apron in front of the main hangars. One of these derelict refuelling points is located at approximately MR 91253370 adjoining new 10 m. wide roadway.

4.

POSSIBLE AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA

In a wooded area at approximately MR 901364, approximately 1 km. north of the main platform at the western end of the runway, there is a strongly guarded Russian-occupied complex, entirely surrounded by a heavy barbed-wire fence. Within this compound there is a series of small brick buildings - not of newish appearance. Several Russian vehicles could be observed in the background within this complex and several heaps of spoil indicate that some sort of excavation or development was taking place. No German workmen are allowed anywhere in this site and strict security precautions prevent any unauthorized approach to the area.

5.

SOVIET ANTI-TANK UNIT OCCUPYING AIRFIELD DOMESTIC SITE

The Soviet anti-tank unit now occupying the airfield domestic site was still in situ as at 25.10.57. There are obvious signs, however, that this unit is about to pull out and possibly leave Eastern Germany. The Russian officers and ORs are busily disposing of all radios, cycles, pets, etc. to local workmen and inhabitants.

6.

HELICOPTERS

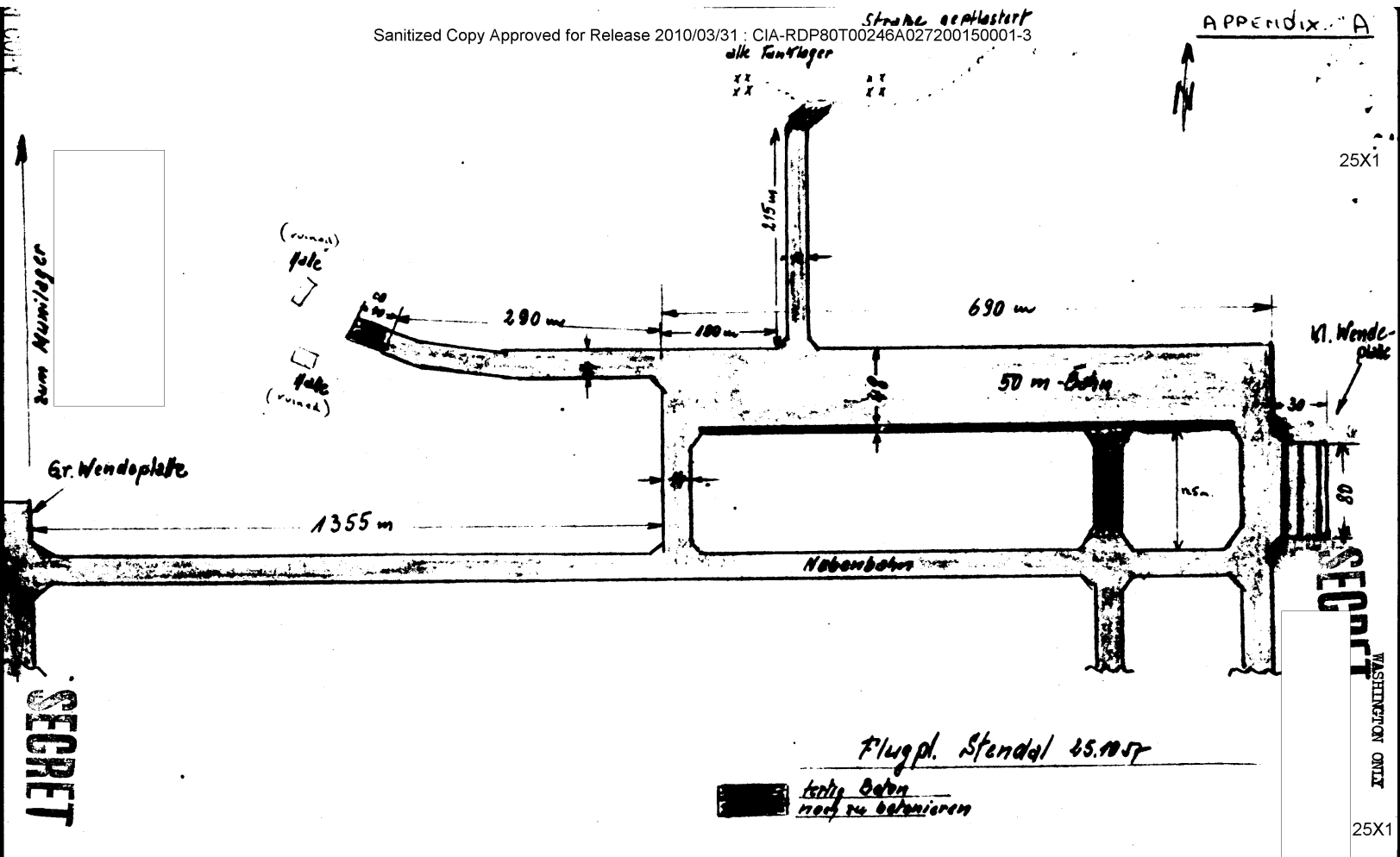
The previously reported helicopter unit comprising three machines, remains in situ in the SE corner of the airfield. On several occasions during October these machines have arrived on the airfield bringing in senior E.G.A. officers.

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AIRCRAFT BLAST PENS

The S.A.F. authorities have instructed that the aircraft blast pens located around the SE corner of the airfield are to remain in situ. 25X1

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